

Great News from Gravesend!

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A True Account of Mr Gibbon's Seizing several Irish Officers, who intended to make their Escape for Ireland, upon his Majesty the Late King JAMES's Landing at KINSALE, With such Arms, Ammunition, and Provision as were design'd for that expedition.

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P Urstant to His Majesty's late Order of Council, to prevent the Abuse made of Passes, and the Exportation of ill-affected Persons out of this Kingdom, into any part beyond the Seas, especially of the Roman Catholicks into Ireland; Mr. Gibbon, a zealous Prosecutor of these Fugitives, puts himself in a posture to pursue them on the Scent: and considering that particular Care was taken in the Ports of Chester, Beaumaris, Holfhead, Milford Haven, and in all other Ports and Creeks on the Irish Seas, that no person or persons whatsoever be Transported into Ireland, without a Pass from His Majesty, or one of the Principal Secretaries of State, he makes directly to Gravesend: where several Irish Officers had privately imbarqued themselves for Ireland, upon the Report the Late King James's Arrival there.

There he had not waited many hours, when he found the effects of his Labour, and his Diligence rewarded with answerable Success; for after some hours search, going yesterday on board a Ship called, *The John of London*, bound for France, he found the Persons following making off; which, tho' they endeavoured in disguise, he soon ferreted out of their holes; some were in *Mazarine* red, and some in blue Scarlet, (as *Teague* has it) endeavouring by this means to pass off undiscovered; but nothing can conceal the Brogue upon the Tongue, which is as natural a Badge of a *Dear-Joy*, as a Turbant of a *Turk*, or a Cloak of a *Spaniard*. being now discovered, as well as their Design, they were disarm'd, and brought prisoners to Gravesend, where they now lie in Custody, to the number of Ten, who are as followeth:

Tho. Burk, an Officer in the Duke of Grafton's Regiment.

Capt. Drummond, belonging to the first Troop of Guards.

Capt. Owen Macarty, Adjutant to Coll. Mackillacud.

John Scot, Ensign in Coll. Bochans Regiment

Gilbert Hern, Ensign to Capt. Smith.

Will. Carel, Serjeant in the Lord Lichfield's Regiment.

Alex. Petre, a pretended Seaman, in disguise, some eminent Officer (it's supposed) yet unknown.

Garret Parry, and Cornelius Mahan, Officers in the Lord Salisbury's Regiment.

From these Fugitives were taken,

Musquets	50	Javelins	6
Musquetoonos	80	Half-pikes	12
Cartress-Boxes	12	Barrels of powder	2
Cartresses	20	Cases of pistols	10

One Passage is yet remarkable; These bold Adventurers were to give 50 L. a piece for their passage, who when it came to the Test, could not raise so many pence among them all; except the Seaman in disguise, whose Pockets were something better lined.

POSTSCRIPT.

I have sent you this exact Account, that you may see I have not been idle since I left the Town. In this whole Relation I have asserted nothing but the Truth, because it is under my own hand; and I have communicated it to Gentlemen some at *Man's* Coffee-house, who, I am confident will make it publick.

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